

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15-22, and 24-26 are currently pending in the application. Claims 14 and 23 have been canceled. Claims 1, 12, 19, and 26 have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Figures 1-3 and 5 stand objected to due to an informality. In response, Applicant has amended Figures 1-3 and 5. In addition, Applicant submits herewith one set of substitute formal drawings for filing in the above-identified Patent application.

Claims 12-13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0128920 to Chopra ("Chopra"). Chopra relates to a method and system for providing products and/or services to consumers from one or more sources or vendors. Applicant respectfully submits that Chopra fails to teach, anticipate, or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 12, namely, at least one processor executing a stored interactive software application inside a browser, the executed interactive software application and the browser being in communication with at least one element, wherein the at least one element is external to the browser and includes a component of an underlying architecture of the client computing system.

Chopra discloses a method and system for facilitating lowest cost purchasing of products and/or services. The system includes a computer system configured to receive an order from a customer for a plurality of products or services. The computer system receives the order and electronically searches for prices for each of the products and/or services in the order. The computer system then groups the products and/or services into one or more groups and determines one or more sources or vendors that can provide the one or more groups at a lowest purchase cost.

In contrast to claim 12, there is no teaching or suggestion by Chopra of an executed interactive software application and a browser being in communication with at least one element, wherein the at least one element is external to the browser and includes a component of an underlying architecture of a client computing system. Chopra discloses a computing device

loaded with software configured for generating order information from customers or downloading an order entry application from a lowest purchase cost server. If an application is downloaded from the lowest purchase cost server, the computing device will include a browser or other suitable program for running the downloaded application. Chopra discloses running applications in the browser and not communicating with at least one element outside the browser. The at least one element being a component of an underlying architecture of a client computing system. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 12 distinguishes over Chopra and is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of amended claim 12 as anticipated by Chopra is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 13 and 15 depend from and further restrict independent claim 12 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 12, dependent claims 13 and 15 distinguish over Chopra and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 13 and 15 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11, 14, and 16-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chopra in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0169980 to Brownell ("Brownell").

Independent claim 1 discloses a method for providing security to a client computing system in communication with a host communication system across a network. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Chopra and Brownell fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 1, namely, executing an interactive software application in a browser on a client computing system, the interactive software application being in communication with at least one element outside the browser on a client side of a client side firewall.

Chopra discloses a method and system for facilitating lowest costs purchasing of products and/or services. Brownell discloses a method and apparatus for managing network access to internal hosts protected by a firewall. A user on an external host logs into a firewall. Once the user has been authenticated to the firewall, a session is established for the user and tunnel data configuration data is transmitted to the user on the external host.

In contrast to claim 1, Chopra discloses running applications in the browser and not communicating with at least one element *outside the browser* as claimed. Brownell fails to remedy the deficiencies of Chopra in that Brownell also does not teach, suggest, or render obvious executing an interactive software application in a browser on a client computing system, the interactive software application being in communication with at least one element outside the browser on a client side of a client side firewall. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 distinguishes over the cited combination of Chopra and Brownell. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2-11 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, dependent claims 2-11 distinguish over the cited combination of Chopra and Brownell and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 2-11 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 16-18 depends from and further restricts independent claim 12 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 12, dependent claims 16-18 distinguish over the cited combination of Chopra and Brownell and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 16-18 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 19 discloses a method for providing security to a client computing system operating an interactive software application. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Chopra and Brownell fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 19, namely, communicating data between at least one element and a browser and wherein the at least one element is external to the browser and includes a component of an underlying architecture of a client computing system.

Chopra discloses a computing device loaded with software configured for generating order information from customers or downloading an order entry application from a lowest purchase cost server. If an application is downloaded from the lowest purchase cost server, the computing device will include a browser or other suitable program for running the downloaded application. In contrast to claim 19, Chopra discloses running applications in the browser and

not communicating data between at least one element outside the browser. The at least one element being a component of an underlying architecture of a client computing system. Brownell fails to remedy the deficiencies of Chopra noted above. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 19 distinguishes over the cited combination of Chopra and Brownell. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 19 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 20-22 and 24-25 depends from and further restricts independent claim 19 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 19, dependent claims 20-22 and 24-25 distinguish over the cited combination of Chopra and Brownell and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 20-22 and 24-25 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 26 discloses a system for providing security to a client computing system in communication with a host communication system across a network. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Chopra and Brownell fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 26, namely, means for executing an interactive software application in a browser on a client computing system, the interactive software application being in communication with at least one element outside the browser on a client side of a client side firewall. In contrast to claim 26, Chopra discloses running applications in a browser and not communicating with at least one element *outside the browser* as claimed. Brownell fails to remedy the deficiencies of Chopra disclosed above. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 26 distinguishes over the cited combination of Chopra and Brownell. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 26 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

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